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House File 507

March 26, 1947.  
Passed on File.

By JUDICIARY 2.

## A BILL FOR

An Act relating to wanton neglect on the part of a parent,  
making it unlawful and providing penalty therefor.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1      Section 1.    Wanton neglect on the part of a parent in  
2      the care or supervision of his or her child under the age of  
3      eighteen years shall be unlawful.

1      Sec. 2.    "Wanton neglect" as contemplated by the  
2      foregoing section is willful neglect of such a nature, arising  
3      under such circumstances as a parent of ordinary intelligence  
4      actuated by moral and natural concern for the welfare of the  
5      child would not permit or be a party to.

1      Sec. 3.    A violation of section (1) of this act  
2      shall be punishable by a fine of not exceeding one hundred  
3      dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding  
4      thirty days.

### EXPLANATION OF H. F. 507

The Iowa District Judges Association appointed a committee to study and make recommendations for necessary amendments to the laws relating to the commitment and parole of juveniles. This is one of the bills they have recommended for passage and provides that wanton neglect of parents or a parent of a juvenile be made unlawful and punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100.00 or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding 30 days.